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The Canadian Chamber Choir performs with Coastal Sound Choirs

The Canadian Chamber Choir/Chœur de chambre du Canada (CCC) will be in the lower mainland for workshops on February 24th and 25th, and performances throughout the region.

On Saturday February 25th the CCC joins choral forces with three choirs from Coastal Sound Music Academy for "A Choral Celebration from Coast to Coast", taking place at Canadian Memorial United Church at 1806 W. 15th Avenue, Vancouver.

The concert with Coastal Sound will include repertoire from the CCC's Juno Award-nominated album "Sacred Reflections of Canada - A Canadian Mass", such as *Tabula Rasa* by Don MacDonald and *Gloria!* by Tobin Stokes - both of whom call BC home. Other BC composers like Brian Tate, Bruce Sled, Tim Corlis and Stephen Hatfield will also be featured.

The all-Canadian choral program has been thoughtfully woven to reflect the history, geography and changing cityscapes of this land. For example, three generations of Lil'wat singers who are members of the Coastal Sound organization, will perform a Women's Warrior song to illustrate how the early French-speaking Voyageurs relied on indigenous hospitality and knowledge in order to survive.

Coastal Sound artistic director Diana Clark is a passionate advocate for Canadian choral music, and is thrilled at the collaboration and connection between the choirs. "It's a rare treat to have the Canadian Chamber Choir here! Listeners will find the varied all-Canadian program interesting and accessible. We are also grateful for the exceptional opportunity for Coastal Sound singers in the Children's, Youth and Adult choirs to learn from some of Canada's finest choral singers."

The Canadian Chamber Choir tour also includes workshops for local singers and conductors of all ages and stages. Friday, February 24 has the CCC sharing their expertise in SD43 as part of the professional development day, and the morning of February 25th they are at Vancouver Academy of Music for a public workshop on healthy singing for life.

Tickets for A Choral Celebration from Coast to Coast are available online at www.coastalsoundmusic.com. Adult \$22, Student/Senior \$17 or Child (12 and under) \$10. Group Rates are available for 10 or more people. Contact admin@coastalsoundmusic.com for more details.

About Coastal Sound Music Academy

Coastal Sound Music Academy is a non-profit choral music education organization based in the Tri-Cities. The goals of this dynamic organization are to inspire each singer to develop to their fullest potential as individuals, musicians and as caring, engaged citizens. Healthy singing and musical excellence is nurtured in each person. From the wee 4 to 5 year old "Sources" song play program, to the professional and award winning Youth and Children's Choirs, to DeCoro (a choral experience for adults), there is a place for singers to be uplifted, sharing a sense of spirit, artistry, joy and connection.

About Canadian Chamber Choir

The Canadian Chamber Choir includes singers, conductors, composers, educators, choreographers and scholars of Canadian choral music. Under the visionary leadership of Julia Davids, the choir convenes in a different region of Canada at least twice a year, offering concerts and mentoring choral practitioners of all ages and stages. Wherever the Canadian Chamber Choir performs, they are met with praise for their expressive, committed interpretations, and their warm enthusiasm for sharing their gifts in the community. Concerts feature world premieres on every tour, workshops draw singers at any ability-level into vibrant music making, and masterclasses offer conductors and composers hands-on experience with one of the finest choirs on the continent. Through these interactions, the CCC has inspired, nurtured, and mentored thousands of choral enthusiasts while working tirelessly to champion the vast

wealth of choral music created in Canada. The power of this unique vision has allowed the CCC to truly become Canada's coast-to-coast chamber choir.

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Link to full Canadian Chamber Choir photo:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4a8d90q96j5vq38/Canadian%20Chamber%20Choir-group.jpg?dl=0>

Link to casual "choir on a bridge" photo:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/lgmX2u9d9t0taz8/CCC-group-bridge-casual.jpg?dl=0>

Link to photo of Canadian Chamber Choir Artistic Team (L to R: Jeff Enns, composer-in-residence; Julia Davids, artistic director; Joel Tranquilla, associate conductor)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ohmh0w56r4ypi99/CCC-artistic-team.jpg?dl=0>